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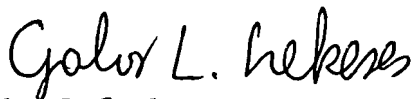
After the present amendment only method claims remain in the above-identified application because the composition of matter (dietary supplement) claims 1 – 15 have been canceled.

The Examiner indicated in the last Office Action that Claims 23 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Each of these two claims have now been rewritten in independent form by incorporating the language of parent method Claim 16. (There was no intervening claim that would have needed to be incorporated.) In light of the foregoing, Claims 23 and 24 are now in *prima facie* allowable condition.

Applicant has not canceled or amended method claims 16 through 22. It is respectfully submitted that in light of the clear allowability of Claims 23 and 24 over all known prior art there is no logical reason that method claims 16 – 22 are in any way would be rendered anticipated or obvious by the known prior art. For this reason, allowance of all outstanding claims of the present application is respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference with the undersigned attorney would materially facilitate the final disposition of this case, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted

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